Helping Your Child With Test Taking

This Spring 2015, the I-STEP+ assessment will be different than the past, as it will measure standards that are more challenging and require higher levels of problem solving, writing, and critical thinking. These types of skills are particularly important in preparing students for college and/or careers.

Students will be able to use computer tools to answer new types of items. Teachers are providing practice with these technology enhanced questions. Find them here: http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/experience-college-and-career-ready-assessment

You can be a great help to your child as ISTEP+ approaches if you observe these do’s and don’ts about taking tests:

**Do talk to your child about testing.** It’s helpful for children to understand why schools give tests and to know the kinds of tests they are taking. Explain that tests are yardsticks to measure how teachers and schools are teaching, as well as, what students are learning. The results help us understand which students are keeping up with class, are ahead, or those who may need extra help. The results are also used to strengthen courses or change teaching methods. Still other tests compare students by schools, districts, or cities. Standardized tests are often used for this purpose. All students take the same test to measure performance against that of others.

**Do encourage your child.** Praise your child for the things he or she does well. If your child feels good about himself, then he will perform better on a test. Children who are afraid of failing are more likely to become anxious and make mistakes while testing.

**Do meet with your child’s teacher** as often as possible to discuss his progress. Ask the teachers to suggest activities that you can do with your child at home to help prepare for tests and improve understanding of school work.

**Do make sure your child attends school regularly.** Remember, tests reflect children’s overall achievement. The more effort and energy your child puts into learning, the more likely he will do well on tests.

**Do provide a quiet, comfortable place for studying at home, and make sure your child is well rested on school days, especially testing days.** Children who are tired are less able to pay attention in class or handle the demands of a test.

**Don’t get upset by the score of a single test.** Many things can influence how your child performs on a test. She might not have felt well on test day or she might have been too nervous to concentrate. She may have had an argument before the test, or she might have been late to school because the bus got stuck in traffic. Remember, one test is simply one test.

Order Yearbooks Now

2014-15 yearbooks can be ordered at anytime until Jan 31st for $25.00 Order forms are available in the office, library or online on the school website. You may also order yearbooks online at yearbooksforever.com.

If you have photos on your camera or phone that you’d like to share with the yearbook staff, you can download the Yearbook Snap app on your device. Pictures can be uploaded to our yearbook site and be considered for publication. Please note, photos saved from Facebook are too small for publication.

PRO Student Winners

The following students accumulated 5 PRO Student cards in recognition of their good behavior last 9 weeks.

Matthew King  
Lauren Hudson  
Bryan Hamm  
James Brown (2nd time)  
Lauren Beeler  
Jaylen Hall  
Tyrone Woods  
Jakob Hack  
Olivia Wethington  
Shane Conley  
Alex Asbery  
Scott Caruso  
Chloe Deweese

Each student was able to choose from a list of rewards to redeem their cards. Congratulations to these students for their good behavior and classroom participation.

Calendar of Events

January 2015

19  No School or Makeup Day  
6:00PM 7/8 BBB v. Orleans H  
6:00PM 7/8 GBB @ Crawford Co.  
20  6:00PM 6 BBB @ Oolitic H  
21  6:00PM 7/8 GBB v. Springs Valley H  
22  6:00PM 6 BBB v. Shawswick H  
27  6:00PM 6 BBB v. Bedford H  
6:00PM 7/8 GBB @ Edgewood  
28  7:40AM FCA Meeting  
29  6:00PM 7/8 BBB @ Springs Valley  
30  9:00AM 6 BBB v. Orleans H  
9:00AM 7/8 BBB Co. Tourney A  
9:00PM 7/8 GBB 7/8 Tourney A

February 2015

2  6:00PM 7/8 BBB @ Paoli  
3  6:00PM 6 BBB @ Edgewood  
5  6:00PM 7/8 BBB v. Perry Central H  
6  8th Grade Field Trip To NL  
7  Midterm Progress Reports  
9  7:00PM Valentine’s Dance  
9  9:00AM 7/8 BBB Tourney H  
9:00PM 7/8 GBB Co. Tourney A  
9  6:00PM School Board Meeting  
10  6:00PM Jacket Connection Mtg.  
10  6:00PM Wrestling v. Seymour/Paoli  
11  7:40AM FCA Meeting  
14  9:00PM 6BB County Tourney H  
16  President’s Day Snow Makeup  
25  7:40AM FCA Meeting  
26  6:00PM Wrestling v. Bedford A

March 2015

2-11 ISTEP+ Testing  
9  6:00PM School Board Meeting  
9  6:00PM Wrestling v. Washington H  
10  6:00PM Jacket Connection Meeting  
11  7:40AM FCA Meeting  
12  7:00PM Band Concert  
13  REPORT CARDS  
17  7:00PM NHS Initiation  
23-27 SPRING BREAK
Become a 21st Century Scholar

Indiana’s 21st Century Scholars Program helps income eligible students earn up to four years of tuition at an eligible Indiana college, public or private.

To qualify, students must enroll as Scholars in the seventh or eighth grade. Scholars fulfill a pledge of good citizenship and participate in a Scholar Success Program that helps them plan, prepare, and pay for college completion and career success. Scholars must also earn at least a Core 40 diploma and achieve a 2.5 GPA upon high school graduation.

But first you have to apply! Complete the online application by June 30 of your 8th grade year. For income guidelines or to apply, visit Scholars.IN.gov. You can also ask your school counselor, Laura Walton for more information about the program.

2015 Academic Team Info

The theme for this year’s Academic Team competition is “The Grandeur that was Rome.” This will include such topics as: Geometry, Exponents, Roman Numerals, Roots, and Volcanoes. We are looking for 8-10 students from the Honor Roll to join the team and begin practicing and researching once a week after school.

8th Grade Language Arts

In eighth grade language arts, students are working on a unit over the Holocaust. They will study the history of this event, and read the novel, “Night” in addition to other texts related to this time period.

Near the end of the unit, students will work on the Butterfly Project. Students will read and analyze poems written by children in one of the camps.

2nd Nine Weeks Honor Roll

Grade 6 High Honors
Grace Canada, Abigail Embry, Ericka Gaines, Lauren Hudson, Mattie Leamer, Andrew Norrowton, Zareta Porter, Ashlyn Premo, Braxton Ramirez, Luke Riley, Makenzie Schultz, Gracie Snow, Collin Spear, Cassandra Stutz, Kiara Terry, Madison Williams, Audrey Young

Grade 6 Honor Roll

Grade 7 High Honors

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Amber Bakker, Cierra Bell, Michael Bell, Liberty Brewer, Kaley Butler, Samantha Carlson, Shelbi Caulfield, Sierra Cox, Katelin Culler, Sarah Dalton, Kristopher Dowden, Jessica Eubanks, Jackson Gore, Markayla Haas, William Hamala, Jacob Hedge, Rylee Hiles, Nathan King, Garrett Lindsey, Teagan Marshak, Breyanna McArtor, Indy Needhamer, Jarrett Phillips, Hanna Pugh, Kameron Richardson, Hailey Ratchison, Breanna Russell, Jayden Shaffer, Tyson Shoopman, Levi Smith, Trey Speer, Zuri Talbott, Megan Terry, Briann Van Meter

Grade 8 High Honors
Anna Beaty, Jasmine Blais, Kamryn Bridges, Elizabeth Case, Dalton Clark, Shane Conley, Kinley Day, Gracie Haas, Jacob Hollar, Diana Holman, Andrea Yaegers, Tyson James, Olivia Lagle, Addison Myers, Allyson Passmore, Amelia Wilkinson, Lauren Wilson, Lauren Woods, Eliza Zeeks

Grade 8 Honor Roll
Leyton Allen, Heaven Baker, Logan Boyer, James Brown, Briston Bundy, Briannah Clouse, Savannah Cravens, Katherine DeLawter, Kirk Denny, Joseph Elliott, Cora Elmes, Nathan Gratzer, Alex Haas, Gracie Haas, Bryan Hamm, Jacob Heshelman, Akacia Howe, Bethany Hudson, Tyson James, Abby Leonard, Reid Marlow, Peyton Moore, Devin Oster, Ethan Pridemore, Macy Robbins, Drew Simpson, Emily Snow

First Semester Honor Roll

Grade 6 High Honors
Alec Barlow, Grace Canada, Elihaj Cook, Jon Drake, Abigail Embry, Trenton Flutt, Ericka Gaines, Mattie Leamer, Andrew Norrowton, Mattie O’Sheilds, Zareta Porter, Ashlyn Premo, Braxton Ramirez, Luke Riley, Marah Roop, Makenzie Schultz, Gracie Snow, Collin Spear, Cassandra Stutz, Kiara Terry, Madison Williams, Audrey Young

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2014-15 Semester 1
No Disciplinary Referrals and No Unexcused Tardies

Grade 6
Alec Roger Barlow
Vincent Mccand Orange Bodkins
Malachi Elijah Cole Brazzel
Zoey Elizabeth Brim
Fox Benjamin Butler
Emma Gayle Canada
Gracee Don Canada
Sarah Nicole Chastain
Dylan Lee Compton
Constance Marie Cowden-Anderson
Emily Nicole Cravens
Alyssa McKenzie Duncan
Abigail Grace Embry
Ericka Maree Gaines
Alexis Marie Haste
Jacob David Hildun
Lauren Olivia Hudson
Jaxson Cole Karr
Devani Israel Martinez
Jeremiah Justin Martin
Brynna Scarlet Nicol
Andrew Russell Norrington
Mattison Nicole O'Shields
Tanner Drew Payne
Zareta Nicole Porter
Luke Nicholas Riley
Kelsey Lenae Robertson
Marah Reece Roop
Emily Rayann Schrader
Austin Trey Shaffer
Cameron Lee Smith
Melody Gayle Southworth
Stasha Nicole Stroud
Cassandra Leann Stutz
Kiara Reese Terry
Gavin Charles Tincher
Makayla Shyanne Tincher
Javan Wayne Turpin
Madison Danielle Williams

Grade 7
Lana Corrine Barlow
Cierra Renee Bell
Sarah Catherine Boaz
Abigail Kaytlin Briscoe
Lucas Thompson Brown
Kalee Faith Fu-E Butler
Makayla Marie Butler
Sarah Elizabeth Dalton
Lauryrn Kay Davis
Hayden Muriel Dersch
Connor Scott Doss
Ethan Alexander Duncan
Lucas Wyatt Fletcher
Lauren Elizabeth Goldfuss
Matthew James Goodman
Jackson Wil Gore
Markayla Rachelle Haas
Jakob Ashton Hack
Jacob Dale Matthew Hedge
Rylee Gene Hiles
Ashley Marie Holt
Andrew William Kimble
Nathan James King
Teagan West Marshek
Amber Nicole McCracken
Dane Kenneth Pritchett
Hanna Elizabeth Pugh
Grant Hancock Rainey
Tyler Chase Reszka
Kameron Oshia Richardson
Korbin Oshia Richardson
Morgan-Ann Louise Rife
Emma Ruth Roberts
Zuri Marie Talbott
Megan Anne Terry
Shyah Nicole Whalen
Gabriella Ray Willoughby

Grade 8
Cassandra Lynn Aldridge
Leyton Allen
Alexzander Joseph Asbery
Arthur Paul Blair
Brandon Brazzell
James Anthony Brown
Nathaniel Boe Bush
Shane Dawson Conley
Katherine Ann DeLawter
Kirk James Denny
Cora Opal-Gail Elmes
Alex Robert Haas
Jacob Nathaniel Heshelman
Diana Lynn Holman
Bethany Mae Hudson
Andrea Renee Jaggers
Jansen Tyler Keynon
Nicholas O'Neil Miller
Devin Lee Oster
Evan Keith Payne
Ethan Ray Pridemore
Drew Russell Simpson
DeAndra Dean Stroud
Andrew Terrell
Ashton Brooke Tredway
Kree Nathaniel Walt
Amelia Rose Wilkinson
Lauren N Wilson